

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

December 15, 2017

Cathy Montanyo, Secretary
60th Street Association Water System
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State Water Resources Control Board's Notice Regarding Mandatory Consolidation

Dear Ms. Montanyo,

Effective June 24, 2015, Section 116680 through 116684 was added to the California Health & Safety Code, addressing consolidation of public water systems.

Our records indicate that the water delivered by 60th Street Association's public water system (Water System) contains arsenic at levels that exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL) established in state and federal regulations. Since approximately 2010, the Water System has failed to provide safe drinking water due to the high arsenic levels. To document the arsenic MCL violations, the Division of Drinking Water, State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) issued Citation No. 03-19-11C-059 on July 19, 2011, and Compliance Order No. 03_19_17R_003, on March 30, 2017, to the Water System.

Rosamond Community Services District (RCSD) is in the process of completing a planning project (Rosamond Regional SWRCB Arsenic Compliance Project) to assist several small water systems meet safe drinking water standards. Connections would be made by constructing water mains and individual water meters to existing, served properties. 60th Street Association serves a population of approximately 44 through 9 service connections. It is our understanding that the Water System is just outside of the RCSD's service area.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) strongly encourages 60th Street Association and RCSD to work out voluntary consolidation of their public water systems. If a voluntary consolidation is not timely achieved, the State Water Board intends to take action pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 116682, subdivision (a) for consolidation of 60th Street Association's Water System into RCSD's water system. Please note that as used in the applicable statutory authority, the RCSD is hereby identified as the potentially receiving water system and the 60th Street Association Water System is identified as the potentially subsumed water system.

This letter serves as official notification that, pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 116682, subdivision (b), 60th Street Association, the potentially subsumed water system, is directed to negotiate consolidation with RCSD, the potentially receiving water system. The Water System is further directed to complete such negotiations and report the outcome to the State Water Board,

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Division of Drinking Water, Tehachapi District Office, not later than six (6) months following the date of this letter.

The State Board acknowledges that consolidation is a complex process and stands ready to assist you so that you are successful in delivering safe, affordable and accessible drinking water to your community in a cost-effective manner. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 116682 subdivision (b) (6) (A), during the six month negotiation period, the State Water Board will provide technical assistance and work with 60th Street Association and RCSD to develop an appropriate financing package, if needed. Technical assistance will be available from the State Board's Division of Drinking Water and Division of Financial Assistance.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jaswinder (Jesse) Dhaliwal, Tehachapi District Engineer for the State Board, at (661) 335-7318, or me at (559) 447-3132. For funding related questions, please contact the Division of Financial Assistance at (916) 341-5700.

Sincerely,



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